

REMARKS

At the time the 2/3/09 Office action was mailed, claims 1-30 stood pending and subject to a restriction requirement. Applicants hereby elect Claims 1-29 for examination, without traverse.

In responding to the restriction requirement, Applicants have canceled the non-elected claim (claim 30) and added a new dependent claim, claim 31. In electing claims 1-29 for examination, Applicants further submit claim 31 for examination, as claim 31 is dependent upon claim 1 and drawn to the same invention class.

Applicant requests interview

Applicants respectfully request an additional interview if it would expedite disposition of the application. The undersigned attorney would welcome and encourage a telephone conference with Examiner at (281) 245-3316.

New Claim

Applicants have added a new claim, claim 31. The new claim does not add new matter and is supported by the specification at, for example, paragraphs [0010], [0016], [0017], [0021-0025], [0033] and [0036].

CONCLUSION

Applicants responded to the restriction requirement, electing claims 1-29 for examination. Additionally, Applicants canceled one independent claim and added a dependent claim. Accordingly, Applicants believe that this response constitutes a proper response to the restriction requirement raised in the 2/3/09 Office Action.

Applicants believe that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Thus, Applicants request that the pending claims be allowed and that the application advance toward issuance. If the Examiner has any questions, comments, or suggestions, the undersigned attorney would welcome and encourage a telephone conference at (281) 245-3316.

No fee is believed due for the additional dependent claim, because one claim was canceled. No other fees are believed due with this filing. However, if any fee is determined to be required, the Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account 09-0447 for any such required fee.

Respectfully submitted,

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